(d) whether there is any such new proposals in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) While information regarding all food processing industries in the North Eastern Region is not maintained centrally, as per the information available in this Ministry, there are 48 Fruit & vegetable Processing units and 4 Sweetened aerated water units licensed under the FPO, 5373 rice mills and 44 roller flour mills in the North Eastern States. The State-wise distribution of these units is given in the Statement.

(d) and (e) While the Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up the food processing units directly in any State, several developmental schemes for 8th Plan have been formulated in which provision for providing assistance to State Government Organisations/Cooperatives, Joint /Sector Organisations, the voluntary agencies etc. for setting up of such units have been made. 8th Plan proposals envisage higher percentage of Central Assistance for certain schemes for setting up of fruits and vegetable processing units and meat/poultry/pork processing units in North Eastern States.

STATEMENT

Name of State	F& VP.	Sweetened Aerated Water.	Rice Mills	Roller Flour Mills.
Assam	19	2	2608	41
Manipur	11	1	169	1
Meghalaya	7	1	93	-
Nagaland	4	-	-	-
Tripura	3	-	703	2
Arunachal Pradesh	2	-	-	-
Mizoram	2	-	-	-
	48	4	3573	44

Snack Food Export by Britco Joint Venture.

5250. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the details of the brand of snack foods which are likely to be exported from India by the Britco Foods Private Limited.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): As per the available information, the Joint Venture M/s. Britco Foods Pvt. Ltd., will be

exporting the chips, processed nuts and snacks under the international brand names Planters, Ole and ETA.

Postal Service in Rajasthan

5251. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to make the postal service more effective in the tribal areas of Rajasthan; and

(b) the district-wise details of the post offices functioning at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Post offices in tribal areas are opened subject to satisfaction of income population and distance norms prescribed for the purpose. Relaxed income and population norms are, however, applicable in the case of tribal areas which are minimum anticipated 15% income of the cost and 500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages as against an income of 331/3% of cost and 3000 population in an group of villages prescribed for normal rural areas respectively. Further, while departmental sub post offices are expected to be financially self-supporting in rural areas, a loss upto Rs. 4800/- per annum in hilly/backward/tribal areas is allowed.

(b) District-wise details of post offices are given in Statement.